

NEBRASKA DDD/MLTC WAIVER WORKGROUP: APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY
MARCH 16, 2016

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Notes Recorder: Ladonna K. Shippen, DSS Supervisor

Next Meeting (date/time): March 30, 2016 (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome! Introductions
- 2) Sign in Sheet Reminder
- 3) Brief overview of workgroup goals
- 4) What information about DD services is needed when applying for DD services
- 5) Initial and Annual Waiver Eligibility Requirements
- 6) CMS questions regarding Level of Care assessment
- 7) Transition Plan
- 8) Parking Lot Issues, Questions and comments

Topic	Person Responsible	Discussion	Action Item
Applying for DD Services – “Important Information” and Tips	Pam Hovis and Ladonna K. Shippen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Consumer concerns: • Discussion of important tips and facts. Need to look at ways to be more “user” friendly and provide upfront information to consumers. Provided handouts to Workgroup (examples of information from other states (Ohio, Utah and Massachusetts). • Presentation by Nina Baker on “Tips” for applying for services. • Workgroup comments: Other important tips for application process might include: How to apply; How to use the “DHHS-Checklist”; Releases of Information. • Suggestions for information about DD services: What does it mean to be “eligible” for DD services; What is the process after an individual is determined eligible; DDD Services and Types of Waivers; How does DDD Waiver services differ from A & D Waiver services; SSI/ SSA vs DD services. • Discussion of other ideas for future consideration: DD pamphlet on eligibility and waiver; Updates to the current DD website; Booklet to tie other services such as Voc. Rehab/Behavioral Health; Links through Access-Nebraska to other web-based services; Explanations about “funding” sources; Slide show or video’s regarding services. 	<p>At the next meeting on 3/30/16, break into sub-groups to work on “important facts” to prepare to add to the application.</p> <p>Provide draft mock-up of Important Information About Developmental Disabilities Services at 4/13/16 meeting.</p>

Review of Initial and Annual Waiver Eligibility	Pam Hovis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam provided information regarding current requirements for waiver: Eligible for DD services (Initial); Medicaid eligible (Initial and annual); Current medical evaluation (Initial and annual); Psychological evaluation - current within 3 years of initial determination of waiver eligibility (Initial); Development Index – must meet ICF-DD Level of Care (Initial and annual); Signed Consent for Community Based Waiver Services - choice between ICF and Community based services (Initial). 	No action needed.
Review of revised Developmental Index and piloting new tool	Pam Hovis and Ladonna K. Shippen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Revised Level of Care tool - Developmental Index (DI). Ohio model - Validated and Standardized tool; DSSs and 4 SC supervisors piloting new DI since January, 2016; DSSs compared this tool to other individuals who were waiver eligible previously to see if the results were the same; DI; Will be completed by S.C. at the time of the PFW and shared with providers for additional input; Can be used by Service Coordination as part of the planning. 	<p>Provide link to Ohio tool with these minutes.</p> <p>http://dodd.ohio.gov/Forms/Pages/default.aspx</p>
Discussion of CMS Question regarding timely Revaluations	Pam Hovis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMS: “Are the qualifications of designated staff verifying timely evaluations different than qualifications of individuals performing the revaluations?” The answer is yes, at this time the same staff complete initial evaluations and re-evaluations. 	No action needed
Transition Plan	Pam Hovis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam provided an update to the transition plan and indicated that it would be available for comments 	No action needed

		soon. There will be discussion of the transition plan at the March 28, 2016 Workgroup Monthly Meeting.	
Parking Lot Issues – 2017 LTSS redesign, State Transition Plan,	Pam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam provided “pink” index cards that are to be used for written comments regarding future items to consider for the redesign. Three cards were received: (1) AD Waiver – Can this be looked at as finitely as the DD Waiver and their waiver services? (2) ADRC – How do agencies get information to the ADRC? How does the ADRCs check accuracy of that information regarding DD services for example? (3) If receiving DD Waiver and Social Security Disability is denied by Social Security, can the State Review Team deem them disabled? 	<p>Continue to solicit workgroup input and make available the “pink” index cards at every meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2017 LTSS discussion 2) 2017 LTSS discussion 3) Response to workgroup at 3/30/16 meeting.